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Education

2000-2002

Columbia University

New York, New York

Master of Science in Historic Preservation, Concentration in Planning

1995-2000

University of Miami

Coral Gables, Florida

Bachelor of Architecture, with Honors

Experience

September 2006 – Present

City of Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Florida

Senior Planner

Responsible for five vital functions of the Planning Department – Historic Designation, Preservation Tax Exemptions, Major Projects Permit Review, Neighborhood Planning and Protection of Architecturally Significant Pre-1942 Homes. I work very closely with the Assistant Planning Director as the primary team member responsible for these functions. This position undertakes survey, research, and analysis of potential historic districts, sites and structures; the preparation of preliminary evaluations and recommendations to the Historic Preservation Board and the preparation of comprehensive designation reports. Other duties include: reviewing and evaluating applications for historic preservation tax exemptions for improvements to designated historic structures; preparation of Staff Reports, Board Resolutions and Commission Memos; and the master planning of selected neighborhood areas with a view toward ensuring that the future growth and redevelopment occurs in a manner that improves and sustains the quality of the urban experience.

January 2006 – Sep 2008

Bermello-Ajamil & Partners, Inc.

Miami, Florida

Project Manager

City of New Orleans, served as key personal in New Orleans Neighborhoods Rebuilding Plan. I was responsible for working with the Prime Consultant, Lambert Advisory, in the overall direction and administration of the project. The goal of the project was to create a vision for the future of each of the 50 flooded neighborhoods based upon what residents of each community desire and require. As the Overall Planning Consultant, I was responsible for overseeing the seven Neighborhood Planning Consultants hired to formulate a plan for a specific group of Neighborhoods. In addition, I worked on the Neighborhood Plan for 6 neighborhoods contained within the Lakeview Planning District. I established specific action opportunities and priorities taking into consideration pre-existing conditions as well as those created by Hurricane Katrina. Established early action projects including land assembly, transportation and infrastructure improvement needed for the redevelopment of the Neighborhoods and to consolidate and coordinate on-going community planning efforts and improvements being conducted. Other responsibilities include the following: maintaining and organizing the project website and the preparation and editing of the Final Report of all 50 flooded neighborhoods.

City of Homestead, currently serving as City's Urban Designer for which I am responsible for making recommendations on commercial and residential developments, to be presented at the City's Planning & Zoning Board and City Council. Other major projects include: Drafting the *Commercial Design Standards Ordinance*, which was unanimously approved by the City's Planning & Zoning Board, Managing the *Transportation and Transit Master Plan*; Drafting a *Proportionate Fair Share Ordinance*; Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan; and Creating a *Concurrency Management System*.

September 2003 – January 2006 City of Miami Beach Miami Beach, Florida

Planner

Perform various duties of City Planning. Responsible for interpreting and applying the development regulations within the City Zoning Ordinance and Design Review Guidelines to plans submitted for permit. Projects range from single family residences to multifamily, commercial and institutional developments. Other responsibilities include: assisting developers, architects, attorneys and the general public with zoning, design, historic preservation and land-use issues, performing site inspections on a regular basis, assisting in the preparation of project outlines, updates of City's Comprehensive Plan and developing analyses and preliminary recommendations on planning and design issues.

May 2002 – September 2003 Dade Heritage Trust Miami, Florida

Assistant Director

Assisted Executive Director with overall administration, planning, programming, marketing and public relations. Responsibilities included: overseeing the Façade and Conservation Easement program, implementing a new Revolving Fund to save endangered sites and organizing major events such as Dade Heritage Days. In addition, I helped coordinate special preservation and restoration workshops, prepared Grant proposals and reports for the State Bureau of Historic Preservation, and private foundations, assisted in the editing of *Preservation Today Magazine*, served as the photography editor for the *Historic Neighborhoods of Miami* book, and attended City and County Commission and Historic Preservation Board meetings to lobby for Historic Preservation projects.

August 2001 – May 2002 Columbia University New York, New York

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Prepared class lessons and presentations for two graduate classes: *Classical Language and Literature of Architecture* and *Theory and Practice of Architecture*.

October 2000 – April 2001 Pei Cobb Freed & Partners New York, New York

Project Assistant

Performed supplemental field work of an addition to the Administration Building at NYU School of Medicine. Prepared measured drawings of the original building and organized a presentation to the New York City Landmarks Commission.

**Knowledge, Skills
and Abilities**

Extensive knowledge of the principles, methods, and practices of architecture, urban planning, urban design and historic preservation

Extensive knowledge of public administration with particular reference to city administration and management

Ability to make effective presentations in a group or individual setting

Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing

Honors and Awards

Dade Heritage Trust Award for Outstanding Community Service, 2008

Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society, 1998-2000

Selected Entry, ACSA National Wood Council Competition, 1999 & 2000

Dean's List and Provost's Honor Role 1995-2000

Henry King Stanford Scholarship 1995-2000